

# Procurement Review Groups in Utility Procurement Workshop

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# Importance of an Integrated Energy Planning Process

- Strategic Planning - no longer the exclusive domain of the IOUs
- Increased Complexity - Integration of energy efficiency, demand-side mng't, RPS challenges, transmission corridor planning, smart grid developments, AB 32 implications, fuels price volatility

# Broad Societal Impacts Associated with the Planning Process

- Continuing Reliability of Supply for All Consumers, at Reasonable Rate Structures
- Sustainability - Greenhouse gas impacts, Water Use, Land Use, Other Air Emissions
- Increasing Roles and Responsibilities for Local Communities - General Plans will have an Energy Element

# Transparency in Decision-making - a League Priority

- Use of Open Meetings and Workshops
- Effective Use of Communications Technologies
- Importance of Clarifying Anticipated Needs and Challenges
  - Solid Information - Not Hyperbole
  - Interactive Dialogue

# Increase the Use of Regional Planning

- Acknowledge Nimbyism as a Widespread Phenomenon
- Address the Relationship between Land Use Planning and Sustainable Energy Use
- Include the Municipal Utilities in the Planning Process
- Recognize the Interrelationship of Water and Energy Policies